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Father Dominic Long SSS Installed as Pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Holiday, Florida

by John Thomas Lane SSS, Provincial Superior



Concelebrants at the Installation Mass with Father Dominic in the center

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, the Very Reverend James Ruhlin, Pastor of Saint Michaels in Hudson and of the West Central Deanery, Vicar Forane, and representative of Diocese of Saint Petersburg Bishop Gregory Parkes installed the



Father Lane presenting Father Dominic

Congregation's Vietnamese priest Dominic Long SSS as pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish. The date was chosen because it was near the patronal feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul (September 27), the patron of the parish. The Very Reverend John Thomas Lane SSS, Provincial Superior for the Province of Saint Ann (USA) in the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS), presented Father Dominic to the bishop and Vicar Forane Ruhlin for pastor of the church of Saint Vincent de Paul. In his opening remarks, Father Lane thanked Father William Fickel SSS, for his ten years of faithful and amazing service to the parish. The parish gave a standing ovation for Father Bill's loving, caring, and faithful service. Father Lane also mentioned that this was the second

collaboration of the Province of Saint Ann with an international province, the Martyrs of Vietnam Province, and a momentous time in the history of the USA Province of Saint Ann as we serve a global Church very evident in the USA.

Father Dominic had been serving for six years as Parochial Vicar of Saint Vincent de Paul before assuming this new role of service. He is already well-loved in the international community of this Holiday, Florida parish. "It was a natural transition," said Father Lane, "because of the great mentoring and working relationship between Father Fickel and Father Dominic. (*Father Bill is also the Vicar Provincial of the Province of Saint Ann*). Father Dominic mentioned in his appreciation remarks that Father Bill has been "like a daddy to me, guiding and helping me to be a better priest." This charming comment made the community laugh and applaud again.



Vicar Forane Father Ruhlin installing Father Dominic Long as Pastor

Also, part of the international collaboration in the provinces of the SSS is the work of Father Joselito Hitois, SSS of the Filipino Province of Our Lady of the Assumption. Known as Father Lito, he came in late April 2023 to serve as the Parochial Vicar of Saint Vincent de Paul. The three members of the SSS Holiday Community, Fathers Dominic, Lito, and Fickel, will continue to work together and



Vietnamese community and priests entertaining

serve the community of faith. Father Bill, now retired as pastor, moves into a support role for the parish, with his main ministry as a Center for Eucharistic Evangelization (CEE) Resource Specialist. He has continued his work in the CEE since leaving as director. He specializes in working with the many

associate groups in the Dioceses of Saint Petersburg and Orlando. For the installation Mass and reception, many associates from the various parishes came to share their joy at Father Dominic's installation. Also, the diocesan director of evangelization attended the installation celebrations.

We were blessed to have many priests concelebrate the Mass from the Diocese of Saint Petersburg and three SSS priests, one SSS Vietnamese priest *chaplain* (Father Joseph Kiet (JK) Nguyen Huy) from Ohio, and two SSS Vietnamese student-priests from Connecticut (Fathers Anthony and Martin). All were welcomed warmly and graciously by the parish family for a truly spectacular international potluck dinner from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the parish hall. The hall was standing room



Fathers Lito and Bill with Filipino Community

only, with food representatives of the entire parish, but especially with Father Lito leading the Filipino Community and Father Dominic being the chaplain previously to the Vietnamese Community; these were the parish's largest delegations and food representations. Each parish national group sang a song from their tradition, including our SSS Vietnamese priests serenading.



Father William Fickel - Former Pastor

What a treat, too, to see that Father Dominic was chosen

as the priest in the poster for the Diocese of Saint Petersburg's Eucharistic Renewal Year. His face shines brightly in every parish of this diocese, and we are proud that he is witnessing our Eucharistic charism from our founder, Saint Peter Julian Eymard, and our international partnership continues to thrive in the Province of Saint Ann.



Father Fickel with Father John Thomas Lane

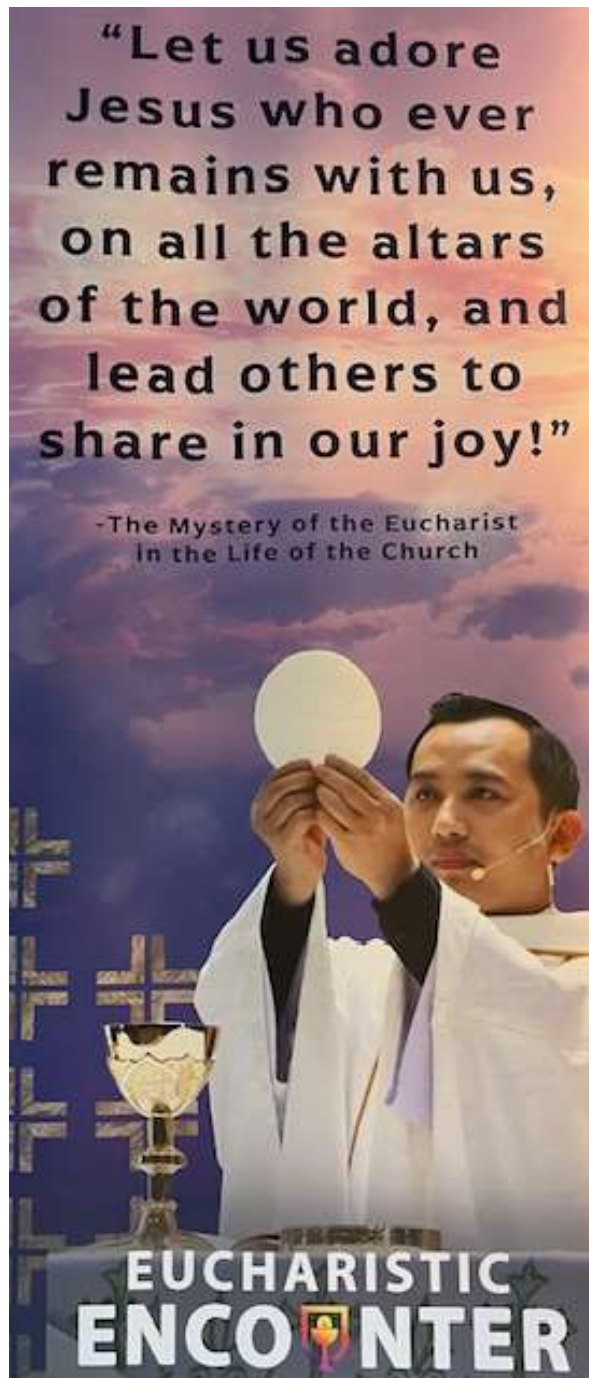


Father Dominic with Father John Thomas Lane

The dinner began with a special prayer and thank you to Father Fickel for his ten years by Father Lane. Then, to kick off the music and food extravaganza, a special song by Oregon Catholic Press's (OCP's) Jesse Manibusan, "Malo, Malo, Thanks Be to God!" accompanied our dining and hospitality. It was indeed a day to thank God for the rich talent, enthusiasm, love, hospitality, and service of this great SSS-administered parish in Holiday, Florida. We wish Father Dominic many happy, healthy, and holy years as pastor.



International Lunch



Poster of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida, for the Eucharistic Renewal, featuring our Father Dominic



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